

# COMPREHENSIVE EVERGLADES RESTORATION PLAN

# LOXAHATCHEE RIVER WATERSHED RESTORATION PROJECT (LRWRP)

Preview of Evaluation of Alternative Plans  
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## MAJOR FEATURES OF THE ALTERNATIVES

Alternative	Deep Storage in L-8 Basin	Shallow Storage in L-8 Basin	C-18W Basin Storage	Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR)	Primary Delivery Route	Secondary Delivery Route	FW 3 Features
2	None	4,300 ac-ft	7,200 ac-ft reservoir	2 wells at C-18W storage	FW2	FW1	Full range
5	None	None	9,500 ac-ft reservoir	4 wells at C-18W storage	FW2	FW1	Full range
10	44,000 ac-ft	None	7,200 ac-ft reservoir	None	FW1/FW2		Limited
13	None	6,500 ac-ft	Increased wetland elevations to support natural storage	4 wells at L-8 storage	FW2	FW1	Full range



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## TODAY WE WILL ADDRESS

- Quantification was done by the subteams

		Topics for LRWRP TSP	Plan Formulation	Ecological	Modeling	Engineering	Real Estate
		H&H modeling of baselines and alts			p		
Andy & Patti	{	Estimate performance measure values of alts		p	x		
		Calculate habitat units watershed, flood plain, river, estuary		p			
Scott	{	Water quality evaluation		p	x	x	
		Savings clause evaluation			x	p	
Rafael & Scott	{	Cost estimates for construction				p	
		Cost estimates for OMRR&R				p	
		Cost estimates for real estate				x	p
Courtney & Brad	{	Cost effectiveness and incremental cost analysis	p				
		4 P&G criteria (effective, efficient, complete, acceptable)	p	x		x	



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# USACE POLICIES

- Recommend the plan that reasonably maximizes ecosystem benefits relative to cost – the National Ecosystem Restoration (NER) plan
  - This might not be the plan with the greatest benefits or the lowest cost
- Consider cost effectiveness and incremental cost analysis to help identify the recommended plan
  - Cannot use benefit/cost ratio since the benefits are not in dollars
- Use the four criteria from the Economic and Environmental Principles for Water and Related Land Resources Implementation Studies (P&G)
  - Completeness, effectiveness, efficiency, and acceptability
- Be SMART: obtain sufficient information to make the next decision; do not spend more time and money than necessary; accept tolerable risks



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# PRINCIPLES AND GUIDELINES CRITERIA

- **Effectiveness:** Extent to which an alternative plan alleviates the specified problems and achieves the specified opportunities
- **Efficiency:** Extent to which an alternative plan is the most cost-effective means of alleviating problems and realizing opportunities. CE/ICA is one method to identify plans that maximize environmental benefits compared to costs
- **Completeness:** Extent to which a given alternative plan provides and accounts for all necessary investments or other actions to ensure the realization of the planned effects
- **Acceptability:** Workability and viability of the alternative plan with respect to acceptance by State and local entities and the public and compatibility with existing laws, regulations, and public policies



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